

MINUTES OF BENTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT

December 17, 2015

A regular meeting of the Benton County Quorum Court was held on Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Benton County Administration Building, 215 East Central Avenue, Bentonville, Arkansas, pursuant to proper call and notice.

County Judge Robert D. Clinard called the meeting to order.

Quorum Court Coordinator Stefanie Laputz called roll as follows:

15 JPs Present: Easley, Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers, Moehring

A legal quorum was present.

The presiding officer led the pledge of allegiance to the flag and the prayer.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

None.

MINUTES:

JP J. Harrison made motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2015 Quorum Court meeting as distributed, seconded by JP Sandlin.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

15 Yeas: Easley, Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers, Moehring

Minutes approved as distributed.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS:

None.

COUNTY JUDGE'S REPORT/COUNTY PROPERTY DISPOSAL REPORT:

County Judge Robert D. Clinard presented the County Judge's report as follows:

- Great River Engineering has presented their report on the War Eagle Bridge project engineering analysis. We have requested some additional information and a public presentation will be at the next scheduled Transportation Committee meeting in January. The county has been approved for

a \$500,000, 80/20 matching grant to be applied to the bridge work. They will need to determine what requirements are tied to the grant acceptance.

- The Benton County Historic Courthouse exterior and interior renovations per the Walton Foundation grant are in progress.
- Treanor Architects has plans 85% completed on the Benton County jail expansion. Plans will be available for construction bids in late January.
- The Rogers Benton County offices parking lot expansion is in progress with about 80% complete.
- The RFQ process for selecting a design team for the new county justice facility has been narrowed down to three firms who will give presentations to the Quorum Court in January.
- Neal Elliot has been appointed as the county's representative on the Ozark Regional Transit board of directors.

The December Property Disposal Report was presented to the JPs from the dashboard.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

JP Allen reported that there was a combination Finance/Budget Committee meeting on December 3, 2015. They finalized the 2016 Budget and moved it on to the Committee of the Whole, where it passed unanimously.

JP Adams announced that he would be scheduling a Transportation Committee meeting on January 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Some of the agenda items to be discussed will need to go through the Finance Committee and they will also be discussing the War Eagle bridge project.

Judge Clinard stated that it would be appropriate for the Public Safety Committee to meet in January to discuss the jail expansion.

JP Jones said that he would look at possible dates for this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Donna Franz gave a presentation to the Quorum Court concerning the paving project of Patton Road and the problems that the construction is causing to her property.

JP J. Harrison made motion to suspend the rules and read all ordinances and resolutions by title only, seconded by JP Adams.

A roll call vote recorded as follows:

15 Yeas: Easley, Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers, Moehring

Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (A) Proposed Resolution Expressing the Intent of the Quorum Court to Transfer 2015 Turnback of Budget Appropriations to the Capital Projects Fund; Sponsor: JP Joel Jones

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed resolution by title only.

JP Jones made motion to adopt, seconded by JP J. Harrison.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

15 Yeas: Easley, Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers, Moehring

Resolution duly adopted and assigned **No. R-2015-37.**

- (B) Proposed Resolution Authorizing the County Judge of Benton County to Apply for a GIF Fire Protection Grant on Behalf of Rocky Brand Fire Department; Sponsor: JP Ron Easley

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed resolution by title only.

JP Easley made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Chiocco.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

15 Yeas: Easley, Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers, Moehring

Resolution duly adopted and assigned **No. R-2015-38.**

- (C) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2014-84 (Benton County Budget) to Appropriate Additional Monies and Authorize Additional Expenditures in Department 0107, Quorum Court, Fund 1000; Sponsor: JP Joel Jones

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Jones made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Adams.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

15 Yeas: Easley, Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers, Moehring

Appropriation ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2015-64.**

- (D) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2014-84 (2015 Benton County Budget) to Amend *Schedule 1 – Revenues by Fund* by Authorizing a Transfer from County General, Fund 1000 to County Road, Fund 2000; Sponsor: JP Joel Jones

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Jones made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Adams.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

15 Yeas: Easley, Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers, Moehring

Appropriation ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2015-65.**

- (E) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2014-84 (2015 Benton County Budget) Authorizing a Transfer of Funds Between Categories and Line Items; Dept. 0300, County Health Department, Fund 1000; Sponsor: JP Barry Moehring

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Moehring made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Chiocco.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

15 Yeas: Easley, Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers, Moehring

Appropriation ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2015-66.**

- (F) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2014-84 (2015 Benton County Budget) to Amend *Schedule 1 – Revenues by Fund* by Authorizing a Transfer from County General, Fund 1000 to Sheriff's Aviation, Fund 3410; Sponsor: JP Joel Jones

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Jones made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Chiocco.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

15 Yeas: Easley, Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers, Moehring

Appropriation ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2015-67.**

(G) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2014-84 (2015 Benton County Budget) Authorizing a Transfer of Funds Between Categories and Line Items; Dept. 0418, Jail, Funds 3412 & 3017; Sponsor: JP Barry Moehring

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Moehring made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Jones.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

15 Yeas: Easley, Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers, Moehring

Appropriation ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2015-68.**

(H) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance to Establish the Benton County Annual Operating Budget for the Calendar Year 2016; Sponsor: JP Joel Jones

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Jones made motion to adopt, seconded by JP J. Harrison.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

15 Yeas: Easley, Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers, Moehring

Appropriation ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2015-69.**

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Discussion: Scheduling Meeting for Quorum Court to Hear RFQ Presentations for Justice Facility Project

County Judge Robert D. Clinard discussed having a meeting for the Justices of the Peace to hear the presentations from the top three firms that responded to the RFQ. He stated that the committee that

originally heard the RFQs will be present in the audience but will only participate if a question is asked of them. A short discussion was held regarding the logistics of this meeting.

Judge Clinard called for a show of hands vote to hear the presentations on January 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in a special Committee of the Whole meeting, limiting the presentations and time for questions and answers to one hour per each firm, and choosing the order of the presentations by random drawing. Show of hands vote was passed unanimous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Judge Robert D. Clinard addressed Donna Franz's earlier presentation about Patton Road and stated that he would set up a time to meet with her and explain the road plan for Patton Road in 2016.

JP Easley announced that he has sold his home in District 1 and will be resigning his position as Justice of the Peace for District 1.

County Attorney George Spence stated that the court must declare a vacancy by publishing a resolution in advance of the meeting. He stated at the next Quorum Court meeting that they will have a resolution that has been published, and once adopted it will be sent to Governor Hutchinson, who will appoint a replacement. He said that until someone else is appointed and qualified by taking the oath, the current office holder continues in office.

JP Moehring suggested adding a Road Department update on Patton Road to the January 14, 2016 Transportation Committee meeting's agenda.

JP Allen announced the next Finance Committee meeting for January 07, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

JP Moehring stated that they received a note today regarding the billback for IT Services for all the offices; it went up significantly. He is not sure what the impact would be for the 2015 budget versus the 2016 budget. He stated that, since this was a substantial sum of money difference on the billback from this year to last year, he feels that a better explanation at the Finance Committee meeting is appropriate.

JP Allen said that it would be added to the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tena O'Brien
County Clerk

Prepared by: Stefanie Laputz